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Dear Business Professional:

Recent events have proven the value of a strong and disaster resilient community. Individuals, families and businesses have been seen working together to recover from nature's destructive path. In the aftermath of flooded homes, streets and storefronts most remained empty. Could your business survive?

We often fail to consider the possibility of a business interruption event occurring during a normal workday. Could you safely evacuate your employees, clients or customers? Would you have the necessary supplies to be self sufficient for several hours or days until help could arrive? Is it possible to communicate with your employees and their families during an emergency?

Ready Your Business is a tool for building a disaster resistant business community. We have identified 12 Points that are key to Business Continuity Planning. This step-by-step workshop series guides the planner through the basic elements of business continuity planning, preparing them for developing a customized plan.

Partners such as the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce make it possible for the series to be held in various locations around the Wasatch Front, while others provide the opportunity locally to their business members. To find a location near you, log onto the Division of Homeland Security's Ready Your Business website at www.BeReadyUtah.org.

Sincerely,

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Director